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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HOLLIS ET AL.

Examiner

Stephen Choi

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,29-31 and 52-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,29-31 and 52-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: the use of the phrase "may be" and "can be" should be avoided since it is confusing whether the recitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-5, 29, 31, and 52-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Garuglieri (US 6,021,700).

Garuglieri discloses all the recited elements of the invention including a base assembly with a top surface (e.g., 16), a fence assembly mounted to the base assembly with a front surface positioned above the top surface of the base assembly (e.g., 17), a saw support assembly (e.g., 26) rotatably mounted to the base assembly to rotate relative to the base assembly about a first rotational axis, a saw unit having a saw blade (e.g., 36), and a bevel angle locking actuator (e.g., 172) rotating in unison with the saw support assembly about the first rotational axis. Regarding claim 2, e.g., Figure 2b. Regarding claims 3-5, e.g., col. 4, line 25 (US 5,590,991). Regarding claim 31, e.g., Figure 2a. Regarding claim 54, a bevel locking linkage (e.g., 172) changing/moving to a

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position shown on Figure 2a which is in a direction normal to the first rotation axis causes the saw support assembly to be pushed against the base assembly.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garuglieri in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereafter AAPA).

Garuglieri discloses the invention substantially as claimed except for the elongated lever formed from stamped sheet metal. However, AAPA teaches that forming the lever from stamped sheet metal is old and well known in the art. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form the lever from stamped sheet metal since selecting a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. It is noted that the common knowledge or well-known in the art statement of the previous office action has been taken to be admitted prior art because applicant either failed to traverse the examiner's assertion of official notice or that the traverse was inadequate. See MPEP § 2144.03.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed December 12, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Applicants contend that Garuglieri does not disclose the bevel angle locking actuator mounted to the saw support assembly set forth in claim 1 and the bevel locking lever pivotally mounted to the saw support assembly set forth in claim 52. Applicants further contend that Garuglieri fails to teach the bevel locking linkage which translates in a direction normal to the first rotational axis set forth in claim 54.

The examiner respectfully disagrees. Garuglieri teaches the bevel angle locking actuator/bevel locking lever (e.g., 172) pivotally mounted to the saw support assembly (e.g., 26) via 66. Furthermore, "Translate" is defined as changing from one place, state, form, or appearance to another. Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary (definition v. 1a) translate: to bear, remove, or change from one place, state, form, or appearance to another. Hence, the bevel locking linkage (e.g., 172) does translate.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Choi whose telephone number is 571-272-4504. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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